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Dear Sir

The following Statement of Relevance is submitted with the accompanying Information Disclosure Citation.

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Foreign 1	Cited in examination of corresponding German application. See corresponding US 4,956,196
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Full text copies of the art cited, or the pertinent portions thereof, are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that this art be considered by the Examiner in the above-entitled application and made of record therein. The information provided and references enclosed herewith shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other art than that identified exists.

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